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Mount Melleray

On August 11, 2017, the Community of **Mount Melleray** (diocese of Waterford and Lismord - Ireland) elected as abbot for a six year term **Dom Richard Purcell**. At the time of his election, Dom Richard was Abbot of Roscrea since 2009.

Ordo 2017-2018

A copy of **the Latin Ordo for 2017-2018** is now available on the website, and can be downloaded in PDF format: (« <u>Resources/Liturgy/Ordo</u> »). Thanks to Fr. Justin of Genesee!

<u>Scourmont</u>

Dom Armand Veilleux, Abbot of **Scourmont** (diocese of Tournai - Belgium) since 1999, having reached the age of retirement mentioned in ST 40.A of the Constitutions, presented his resignation to the General Chapter 2017. The General Chapter accepted the resignation which became effective on November 1, 2017.

On November 17, 2017, the Community of Scourmont elected as abbot, for an indefinite term, **Father Damien Debaisieux**.

Dom Damien was born in 1971 in Soissons (France). He entered Scourmont in 2004, made his solemn profession in 2010 and was ordained a priest in 2014. He was delegate of CNE at the General Chapter 2011. At the time of his election, Dom Damien was Novice Master and Cellerar of the Community.

Honorary Citizen of Chimay

We have a report of this good news published in the Belgian newspaper "L'Avenir": On the eve of his retirement, the City of Chimay has been happy to give Dom Armand Veilleux, Abbot of the Abbey of Scourmont since 1996, the title of Honorary Citizen of Chimay. <u>http://www.lavenir.net/cnt/dmf20171029_01077625/dom-armand-citoyen-d-honneur-de-chimay</u>

<u>Viale Africa</u>

Sister Graciela Guzmán completed her service as portress at the Generalate in November 2017 and rejoined her monastery of Hinojo (Argentina). She has been replaced in her service by Sr. Juliette Marie Simonnot (OSB - France).

Dom Anastasius Li of Lantao (Hong Kong), the new Councillor of the Abbot General, arrived at the Generalate on December 1, 2017. He replaces Dom David Lavich, who completed his term and rejoined his Monastery of Spencer (USA) at the end of November before returning to a monastery of Japanese nuns as chaplain.

<u>Las Escalonias</u>

On December 3, 2017, the Foundation of **Las Escalonias**, in the diocese of Córdoba (Spain), was raised to a Simple Priory, in accordance with the decision of the General Chapter, Assisi 2017.

On December 4, 2017, **Brother Francisco Javier Urós Murillo** was elected the first Titular Prior of the Community.

Dom Francisco Javier was born in 1963 in Pamplona (Spain). He entered La Oliva in 1993 and made his solemn profession in 1999. He was Superior of the fondation since 2016.

<u>Lamanabi</u>

On the 8th of December 2017, at the end of his second mandate, **Dom Michael Santana** was reelected titular prior of Our Lady of Lamanabi, in the Diocese of Larantuka (Indonesia), for a six year term.

Newsletter Formation

The Newsletter n°15 of the Central Secretary for Formation can be obtained from the Internet under the heading: "Formation/Newsletter": Formation/Newsletter

Los Andes

On the 15th of December 2017, at the end of his third mandate, **Dom Plácido Alvarez Castro Quiros** was re-elected Titular Prior of Los Andes, in the Diocese of Mérida (Venezuela) for a new six year term.

<u>Bricquebec</u>

Following the decision of the General Chapter of 2017, vote 49 (cfr. Acts of the 3rd Single General Chapter, p. 15), the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CIVCSVA) has nominated, **Father Bernard Duymentz**, of La Trappe, Apostolical Commissary of the Monastery of **Bricquebec** (France). The appointment became effective on December 28, 2017. As Apostolical Commissary Dom Bernard has the full governing powers for the Community of Bricquebec.

Father Bernard was born in 1942 in Paris (France). He entered La Trappe in 1978, made solemn profession in 1983 and was ordained priest in 1984. At the time of his nomination, he was Cellerar of the Community of La Trappe.

<u>Koutaba</u>

Following the decision of the General Chapter of 2017, vote 51 (cfr. Acts of the 3rd Single General Chapter, p. 16), the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CIVCSVA) has nominated, **Father Henri Fouda** (CSSp), Apostolical Commissary of the Monastery of **Koutaba**. (Cameroon) The appointment became effective on December 28, 2017.

As Apostolical Commissary Father Fouda has the full governing powers for the Community of Koutaba.

Father Fouda was born in 1972 in Cameroon. He made his religious profession in 1996 and ordained a priest in 2001. He has been Provincial of the Cameroun Province of the Spiritans from 2010 until 2016. He is presently pastor of the parish of Saint-Esprit of Mvolyé and also the Episcopal Vicar for the Consecrated Life in the archdiocese of Yaoundé.

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